



ON THE INSIDE- in Washington!

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A United Nations disaster of maximum proportions is taking swift shape in the Far Pacific. The battle of Singapore, the great British citadel of empire, is all but lost. Hours may see its fall to overwhelming Japanese attack and signalize the worst blow of this war to British arms, and to allied hopes, rivaling in effect the fall of France.

It is not only loss of the Singapore base itself as a strategic key that counts. Despite official outgivings from both London and Washington as to Anglo-American reinforcements reaching the Pacific scene of action, forewarnings that Singapore might not prove able to hold out indefinitely have been voiced repeatedly on both sides of the Atlantic. Yet the intimation has been that it could withstand siege long enough for adequate allied defense forces to be rallied in the Dutch Indies. With that in mind, the allied generalissimo, General Wavell, called for a British stand at Singapore as at Tobruk. Within two days after the first Japanese crossed the Johore straight moat on to Singapore Island, however, its main defenses have crumbled and the fate of its garrison is ominously uncertain.

The time element is the major factor involved at Singapore. At this stage to what extent the grand strategy worked out in the Roosevelt-Churchill conferences counted upon additional weeks or even months to muster reinforcements in the Dutch Indies while Singapore still stood can only be conjectured. It is scarcely possible, however, that the war plan evolved did not rely heavily on a prolonged Japanese delay at Singapore.

It was to reach the Dutch islands and their precious oil resources that Japan struck in the Pacific. Her case exactly parallels that of Germany. Both must have oil, and Japan struck for it in the Pacific as Hitler struck for it in Russia.

With a complete victory soon at Singapore, Japan will be a long stride closer that prime oil objective than her Nazi associate. Her next move is likely to be a mass attack on the Java bastion still guarding Dutch high-test oil sources.

There is another imponderable political aspect to the impending Singapore disaster. Prime Minister Churchill faced down a parliament restive with apprehension as to fate of that jewel in the British belt of empire. With Singapore actually lost, he may come to the gravest crisis of his war captaincy, further to confuse allied councils.

Church Groups Sponsor Dinner

DALLAS — At the Red Cross rooms recently, Circle C of the Presbyterian church made plans for their participation in a dinner the church groups are sponsoring at the church February 19.

Guests present were Mrs. Ralph Waggoner and Mrs. Clara Ploen. Members present were Mrs. C. J. Enstad, Mrs. W. Fuller, Mrs. Ella Stewart, Mrs. George Kurte, Mrs. H. H. Beebe, Mrs. John Cerny, Mrs. George Eberling, Mrs. E. A. Hamilton, Mrs. Frank Johnson, Mrs. R. C. Wilson and Anne Haugeberg.

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King Farouk

Possible breach between the British government and Egypt's young King Farouk, shown in his latest picture above, was indicated in the British press following the resignation of Prime Minister Husseini Sirry Pasha's cabinet in Cairo. The prime minister, friendly to Britain, reportedly resigned because of differences with the king, who is 22 years old. One British newspaper's diplomatic correspondent said that "ever since his accession, King Farouk has been arrogant and domineering in his dealings with successive ministries."

Lodges Join In Ceremony

Officers Take Seats At Jefferson Rite; Bond Purchased

JEFFERSON—Joint installation of officers of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges was held Saturday.

Extra Hart and Keith Smith were installing officers. Officers for the Odd Fellows who were seated: Irvine Wright; Ed Pemberton; secretary, Cecil Kerr; LSVG, Richard Lane; RSVG, Varion Goin; RSVG, S. H. Goin; LSVG, Dr. J. O. VanWinkle; chaplain, Ezra Hart; warden, John Alexander; inside guardian, Grover Stephens; outside guardian, K. S. Thurston and conductor, Dolph Payne.

Officers of the Rebekah lodge installed included: NG, Neva Kester; VG, Margaret Davidson; finan-

cial secretary, Bertha Curl; recording secretary, Laura Thomas; RSVG; Grace Thurston; LSVG, Hannah Wright; outside guardian, Don Porter; inside guardian, Besie Porter; chaplain, Patty Barnes; musician, Hattie Goin; warden, Millie Bilyeu; conductor, Keith Smith.

A noble grand pin was presented Lillian Smith, retiring noble grand, by Neva Kester. The Rebekah lodge purchased a \$100 defense bond. About 38 members of the two lodges were present. Guests included Mrs. Warren Gray, Mrs. Varion Goin and R. W. Curl.

Mrs. S. H. Goin plans to leave today for Portland, to spend several days visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Carl Livingston and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Christensen and son, Toledo, were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Vail.

While working in the state highway shops in Salem Thursday Harry Marcum dropped a piece of timber on his foot, fracturing a toe. He will not be able to work for a short time.

Mrs. Charles Hague is at the Salem General hospital for treat-

Pedee Adapts School Hours to New War Time; Program Given

PEDEE—Adapting school hours to the new daylight saving time proved a topic of lively interest to those attending the PTA meeting Friday.

The school board decided high school would be in session from 9:30 a. m. to 4:15 p. m., daylight saving time. The grade school will open at 10 a. m. and close at 4:30 p. m.

The PTA program consisted of music by Gus John, a vocal solo by Madeline Womer, a recitation by Rose Ellen Kerber and a vocal duet by Donna and Joyce Van Dyke.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Burbank, Troutdale, Wash., were guests of

ment Rowena is confined to her home with the mumps.

A pinocle party will be held at the Terminal Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock. Puzzles and Chinese checkers will be available for those who do not play cards. An offering for the local Red Cross will be taken.

ing a few days with their parents. They expect to return to Seattle, Sunday.

Betty Burbank and Nelda Trulax, students at a Salem business college, spent the week end at home.

Grangers' News

UNION HILL — The Union Hill grange home economics club, which was to have met with Mrs. Henry Peters Wednesday afternoon, has been postponed for one week.

CHEMAWA — A social night with games will be held at Chemawa grange hall February 20. Mrs. Fred Wolf is to be in charge. The public is invited.

At the meeting new members were voted in. A metal and paper drive was planned to raise funds to pay the balance on the recently-installed furnace.

A committee appointed to attend the labor survey meeting at Salem February 19 was Arthur Holden, Fred Wolf, Fred McCall, and Ben Peterson. Mrs. Fred Wolf was appointed advertising chairman.

Jefferson News

JEFFERSON — H. J. Zemlicka, who lives in the southeast part of Jefferson, reports that dogs have recently killed 12 lambs on his place. He also issues a warning to all dog owners that he will shoot any dogs found on his property.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Benninghoff and Paul, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harvey and Beth, Portland, were Thursday guests of their parents at the Terminal.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Weddle, Portland, were Thursday guests at the home of their uncle and aunt, Nubian Simpson and Mrs. Mae Cooley.

Weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Shields were Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Shields, Portland. Additional guests Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wendt, Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bilyeu are the parents of a 7 pound and 14 ounce daughter born Monday at the Albany general hospital. This is their second child and first daughter.

Mrs. F. I. Sandifur, Vancouver, Wash., visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Stephenson and other relatives.

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